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1. RE EMBASSY CONCLUSION CONTAINED IN PAR. 3 OF REF D, NIH REQUESTS EMBASSY SCICOUNS VISIT DR. ITO AT AICHI MEDICAL SCHOOL AND REVIEW RESEARCH FACILITIES, WORKSCOPE FOLLOWS:

CONTRACTOR SHALL SEARCH FOR AVAILABILITY OF CONDITIONED MEDIA WITH ACTIVE FACTOR(S). FRESH HUMAN EMBRYONIC TISSUE MATERIAL FROM HOSPITAL CLINICS IN NAGOYA (AICHI PREFECTURE) AREA WILL BE BROUGHT INTO IN VITRO CULTURE FOLLOWING PROTO-COL LAID OUT BY PROJECT OFFICER. AFTER MONOLAYER REACHES
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CONFLUENT GROWTH, CULTURE WILL BE WASHED WITH RPMI 1640 OUNCE ANDFED WITH 10 ML RPMI 1640 CONTAINING 20 PERCENT FETAL CALF SERUM AND WILL BE INCUBATED AT 37 PERCENT C FOR 48 HOURS. THEN, MEDIUM WILL BE HARVESTED AND LEUKEMIC MYE-LOID CELLS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ALSO FOLLOWING PROTOCOL. WHEN ACTIVE CONDITIONED MEDIA ARE IDENTIFIED, FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL TESTS WILL BE PERFORMED: 1) REPEATED ASSAY BY

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TAKING DUPLICATE CELL COUNTS AND 3H-TDR PULSES ON ALTERNATE

DAYS THROUGH 12 DAYS, 2) ANALYSIS OF GIEMSA-STAINED PREP-
ARATION AT 5 TO 7 DAYS AND AT END OF CULTURE PERIOD, 3)
FURTHER TEST FOR SUSTAINED LEUKEMIC CELL GROWTH IN LARGER
VESSEL. IF CONDITIONED MEDIA FINALLY TURNS OUT TO BE
POSITIVE THROUGH ALL TESTS, MEDIA WILL BE SENT TO NATIONAL
CANCER INSTITUTE FOR RECONFIRMATION AND FURTHER TESTING.

2. TYPE OF EQUIPMENT TO BE EMPLOYED BY DR. ITO FOR RE-
SEARCH INCLUDES: 1) ULTACENTRIFUGE 2) TISSUE CULTURE
FACILITIES 3) CONSTANT TEMPERATURE BATH, 4) COLUMN CHRO-
MATOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT.

3. ADDITIONAL ACTION REQUESTED: THIS IS HEW SUPPORTED
RESEARCH AND WILL BECOME PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD. NIH
PERCEIVES NO CAUSE OF EMBARRASSMENT IF ALL OF THE FACTS
ARE KNOWN(I.E. THAT THE FETUSES ARE DEAD AND ARE OBTAINED
ONLY FROM WOMEN WHO HAVE HAD MISCARRIAGES). DOES EMBASSY
PERCEIVE DIFFICULTY WITH PUBLIC DISCLOSURE IN JAPAN?
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